



Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Executive Committee Meeting

March 5, 2024, 5 p.m. Zoom

Attendees: Nichole Schott, President, Tracy Adevai, Vice President, Mary Anne Crandall, Secretary/Treasurer

Guests: Emily Smith, Lori Sattenspiel

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm

Nichole Schott, President welcomed all participants to the meeting

Update on Membership Recruiting Communication

The membership application email was sent to all board members for recruiting of membership. An announcement was also presented in Oregon Educational News. The membership applications are trickling in.

The committee discussed other ways to get the word out about membership. Alex Pulaski (OSBA communications specialist) invited Nichole to attend an OSBA Communications Team meeting on March 14, 2024.

Review and Understand Rural Caucus Budget

Emily Smith explained the existing rural caucus budget for 2023-2024. We have \$20,000 at the beginning of each fiscal year. Since the Rural Caucus began in January - half way through the 2023-24 year, the Caucus has \$10,000 to spend before June. The budget committee designated \$1000 for marketing and \$9000 for board training scholarships. Ideas discussed include choosing at random six rural boards to do board training with OSBA staff on the board's site. We will be discussing with Leadership assembly how this might work.

We will need to adopt a budget for next year 2024-2025 and talked about scholarships for executive members and other leadership assembly members that may need help sending participants to the summer and fall conferences.

We also discussed swag for the leadership assembly and for the summer and fall conferences. We need to check with Alex Pulaski on this.

The 2024-2025 budget needs to be introduced to the leadership assembly in April and adopted in May 2024.

Best Approach for Continuing to Explore Rural Issues

Emily and Lori suggested the leadership assembly prioritize the top five issues that the rural caucus needs to address in the March meeting and then discuss these top five issues in the April meeting. Lori mentioned funding and accountability as high priority issues.

The LPC meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2024 in Salem. Nichole and Tracy will be attending. All rural caucus members should be encouraged to meet their legislators.

Review Agenda for March 19, 2024 Leadership Meeting Agenda

The executive committee reviewed the agenda for the March 19, 2024 Leadership Assembly Meeting. It was suggested to add Discussion of Budget and board development scholarships; the agenda was approved. If there is something to add please email Nichole Schott before the regular meeting March 19, 2024.

Summer Conference Expectations:

The planning for the summer conference has started. We will be discussing what the rural caucus would like to do at the summer conference such as morning coffee with members. Nichole will be contacted by OSBA planning in May or June to finalize the rural caucus activities at the summer conference.

Announcements:

The next executive committee meeting is April 2, 2024 at 5 PM on Zoom

The March leadership assembly meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2024 @ 6 PM on zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM